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POLICING

Some residents worried about their privacy

Alice D'Eon
For Metro | Vancouver

Riding along at a good clip on his regular route home from BCIT on Wednesday, Misha Green slammed the handbrakes on his bike and gazed up at the towering new surveillance cameras in the middle of E. 22nd Avenue and Kaslo Street.

Deployed by the Vancouver Police Department's Gang Crime Unit on Tuesday, the surveillance trailer took Green by surprise.

"This area is super quiet," said Green, adding that he has lived there for four years and has never had any trouble from anyone.

"Having a whole bunch of cameras in a neighbourhood for no apparent reason is sort of invasive," he said.

Whether the reasons for the cameras, mounted atop a poll about 25 feet high, are immediately apparent or not, Micheal Vonn, policy director for the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA), said the use of the cameras in this case appears to be justified.

"(The VPD) are saying that this is about gang-related violence and they've had incidents in the area, so it sounds as if they do have sufficiently serious concerns," said Vonn.

In addition to ensuring an organization has adequate justification for installing surveillance, Vonn said, the BCCLA likes to ensure that people have appropriate notification about cameras and a way to get answers to questions or concerns.

"If you think that those cameras way up high might be looking onto your balcony or in your windows, those kinds of questions, you are supposed to be able to have someone from the police who will answer those questions for you," she said.

> **"This is not a covert piece of equipment. It is very obvious and it is obvious for a reason."**
> Const. Brian Montague, VPD spokesman

Vonn added she hopes police will review the need for the cameras so they don't remain in place any longer than necessary.

Vancouver police spokesman Const. Brian Montague said that people living in the immediate area are indeed informed of the cameras' presence and why they are there.

He said that the cameras, which were previously deployed in a residential neighbourhood near 54th and Knight Street, have proven effective in decreasing and deterring violent gang activity.

"This is not a covert piece of equipment. It is very obvious and it is obvious for a reason."

Richard Smith, a professor in the school of communication at Simon Fraser University, said studies have shown that cameras tend to "move" crime but are not as effective at solving crimes or stopping them.

"One of the weird things about cameras is that people see them as indicative of danger and avoid those areas. Or, indicative of a lack of trust between the state and the citizens, and that trust is then further eroded by the cameras themselves," Smith said.

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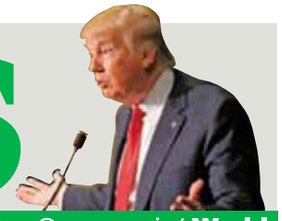

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Artist jumps at the chance to recreate 'happy, joyful mural'

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

Piece featuring joyous leapers brightens up rundown hotel

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Eyoälha Baker mimics her mural on West Pender Street at the edge of the Downtown Eastside on Wednesday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

When Eyoälha Baker first spotted the rundown brick wall of a social housing building on the edge of the Downtown Eastside, she saw a blank canvas.

She knew it was the perfect spot to recreate her Jump for Joy mural — a compilation of people leaping in an attempt to delight passersby and spread some positivity — after the original was removed from a nearby alley in April.

After four hectic months of fundraising, taking photos and wading through bureaucracy — and three weeks of mixing industrial strength paste, applying sealant and plastering 3,000 sheets of paper on an uneven surface — the 65-foot-tall and 100-foot-wide wall of 81 West Pender St. at the corner of Abbott is a bright spot in a grim parking lot.

"People have been saying thank you," Baker said Wednesday, her arms exhausted from hours spent covering the wall. "I hope that they feel all of the love and energy that's coming through in the images."

Baker credits the entire neighbourhood for putting a whole lot of love into the project, which wasn't easy to pull off.

She had to get insurance to do the job (it's on an Impark lot) and had to remove some images that showed graffiti (a no-no for the city). She worked with Pattison Group, which owns a billboard on the site, and BC Hydro, to negotiate a live power line and the.

"There was a lot of craziness going on to make this happy, joyful mural," she said.

It was also a race to find funding. She partnered with the Atira Women's Resource Society, which runs the single room occupancy hotel in the building owned by BC Housing. She raised over $15,000 with an Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign, with the province and city kicking in some extra cash at the last minute.

Others were incredibly generous with their time. The building's residents helped Baker paste together the collage.

The man who was putting up the Pattison billboard helped her with the glue and gave her a proper squeegee.

Baker is thrilled to see people excited about the mural that features some of the building's residents and familiar neighbourhood faces — including one man who spent three days watching her put up the mural. When she approached him to see if he wanted to be included, he gladly jumped.

EDUCATION

Chair of UBC board steps down

John Montalbano is temporarily stepping down as chairman of the board of governors at the University of British Columbia amid a dispute at the school over academic freedom.

Faculty members had been calling for his resignation since UBC president Arvind Gupta quit earlier this month.

Prof. Jennifer Berdahl had accused Montalbano of trying to muzzle her over a blog she wrote about Gupta's resignation, and the faculty association previously asked the chairman to step aside so an investigation could take place.

According to a statement issued Tuesday, the board accepted Montalbano's request that he step down for the duration of a fact-finding process agreed to by the university and the faculty association.

Vice-chair Alice Laberge will assume Montalban's duties during an investigation to be conducted by retired B.C. Supreme Court Justice Lynn Smith. She will begin her probe on Sept. 1 and will submit a report no later than Oct. 7.

The statement says Montalbano intends to fully participate in the process while remaining a member of the board.

The clash between Montalbano and Berdahl erupted after she blogged that Gupta "lost the masculinity contest" before quitting on Aug. 7.

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STARTUP

Landlords and tenants can meet their perfect match

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

There's a new outlet for tenants and landlords that want to warn people about the lazy landlord who never fixed the broken staircase, or that rowdy renter who threw ragers until 3 a.m. on weekdays.

A new apartment rental website, named Apartmint, lets landlords and tenants rate. The website launched in Vancouver last week.

The startup, which first launched in Kitchener and Waterloo last October, is very similar to AirBnB but for long-term rentals, co-founder Ignacio Mongrell said Wednesday.

"Sometimes there's really angry landlords or angry tenants that had a bad experience and they want to warn others, and why not?" Mongrell said.

The website lets tenants fill out a single application form that they can send to numerous landlords — a time saver in Vancouver where a near-zero vacancy rate leaves people competing for numerous apartments — and allows landlords to vet candidates more easily.

While the website doesn't have much traction yet on the west coast — it only has 45 listings so far, with more coming next week — it is already Waterloo's second most popular rental portal after Kijiji, Mongrell said.

Apartmint is an apartment rental website that launched in Vancouver this month. SCREENSHOT

POLICE

Kids allegedly abducted and taken to Middle East

International police are searching for four Vancouver Island children allegedly abducted by their father overseas.

Alison Azer said in an online fundraising campaign that her ex-husband, Dr. Saren Azer, is a Kurdish Canadian who took their kids to the Middle East.

The children were legally allowed to leave Canada with their father, but police were contacted on Aug. 15 when they weren't returned to their mother as scheduled, RCMP spokesman Cpl. Darren Lagan said.

A Canada-wide arrest warrant for Azer — also known as Salahaddin Mahumudi-Azer — was issued Monday for abduction in contravention of a custody order.

Canadian police have worked with their international counterparts to restrict Azer's international travel, Lagan said.

Policing agency INTERPOL lists the children — girls Sharvahn, 11, and Rojevahn, 9, and boys Dersim, 7, and three-year-old Meitan — as missing on its website.

"We understand how difficult this situation is for the children's mother and others in the community," Lagan said Wednesday in a statement.

"The safety and security of Canadian children, both at home and abroad, is of the utmost importance to the RCMP, and we will continue our efforts to locate and safely return these children to British Columbia."

Azer is a well-known internist from the Comox Valley and has spoken publicly about volunteering medical care to refugees in the Middle East.

In February, he was part of a delegation that met with then-defence minister Jason Kenney to advocate for more humanitarian assistance in Syria.

Kenney tweeted a photo of the pair shaking hands in March, with a caption that said Azer was "doing tremendous work" to get medical help for Iraqi refugees.

Alison Azer said on her fundraising page that she needed $25,000 to search for her children and bring them home. About $26,000 was raised by mid-day Wednesday, when the amount required was increased to $35,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fracking company linked to 2014 earthquake

A natural gas operation that halted work after a 4.6-magnitude earthquake in northeastern B.C. last week has been linked to the largest fracking-related earthquake in the province. Progress Energy, owned by Malaysia's Petronas, paused its operations after the quake on Aug. 17 that occurred 114 kilometres from Fort St. John.

The B.C. Oil and Gas Commission says hydraulic fracturing by the same company triggered a 4.4-magnitude earthquake that was felt in Fort St. John and Fort Nelson in August 2014.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chatterboxes boost morale

What sounds like a friendly piece of advice for teachers is actually the title of a newly published study: Embrace Chattering Students: They May Be Building Community and Interest in Your Class.

Catherine Rawn, senior instructor at the University of British Columbia's psychology department, and Gillian Sandstrom, recent PhD graduate, examined the advantages that come with chatty classes. "When students chatted more in class, they felt a greater sense of belonging. And the more they chatted, the more they like the class," said Rawn in a release. ALICE D'EON/FOR METRO

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B.C. couple ties the knot at surprise Dîner en Blanc

Thandi Fletcher
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Rachel Steinebach and Sam Merrell exchanged vows in a surprise pop-up wedding at Dîner en Blanc. COURTESY JOHN BELLO

Wearing white to someone else's wedding might be a fashion faux pas, but for an Abbotsford couple that tied the knot in a sea of white on Tuesday, they wouldn't have had it any other way.

Rachel Steinebach and Sam Merrell exchanged vows Tuesday evening in a surprise pop-up wedding at Vancouver's Dîner en Blanc, an annual event that saw thousands dressed in their finest white attire descend on Canada Place for a chic Parisian-inspired picnic.

"I didn't care," bride Steinebach said with a laugh about not being the only one in white on her big day. "I actually don't really like being the centre of attention, so I thought I would just blend in a little bit more."

Steinebach and Merrell said their "I dos" before 20 relatives and friends, who managed to keep the pop-up wedding a surprise from the crowd of nearly 4,500 guests that attended this year's chic picnic.

The couple was approached with the idea for the surprise wedding several months ago by Vancouver-based custom suit maker Indochino. Merrell, who is a model for the menswear retailer, had mentioned his engagement when the company proposed the idea.

While the wedding was a surprise to guests at Dîner en Blanc, Steinebach said no one was more surprised than her to even be invited to the exclusive invite-only event.

"I never thought I would get to go to Dîner en Blanc," she said. "But to go to it and let alone get married at it — it was unbelievable."

For Merrell, he said the highlight of the ceremony was the moment he locked eyes with his bride.

"As soon as Rachel came out those doors, it literally just felt like it was just us two," he said. "I started thinking about all the things we're going to get to do together now and all the adventures to come. I'm so excited."

The newlyweds are now on their way to Tofino where they plan to enjoy the sand and surf for their honeymoon.

Steinebach said she is already looking forward to attending next year's Dîner en Blanc to mark their anniversary.

SPCA overwhelmed by interest

A Vancouver Island SPCA branch is overwhelmed by a flood of interest in 27 Boston terrier dogs that were surrendered to the shelter earlier this week.

Sandi Trent, general manager of the BC SPCA's Cowichan and District branch, said shelter staff have received more than 200 applications for the 11 adult dogs and 16 puppies. Staff stopped taking applications after they received about 110.

While some people who paid $1,000 deposits to the breeder for the $1,400 puppies are concerned that they will no longer receive the dogs, Trent said the SPCA's policy is to match the animals with homes it deems the best fit.

"Just because you have $1,400 doesn't mean you have the best home," she said. "I don't mean that to be negative, but we have an application process and we have long discussions with people about expectations."

Although the shelter would consider all applications for the dogs, Trent said her "biggest concern" is ensuring the owners are ready to care for a puppy.

Trent said it was frustrating to see so much interest in the Boston terriers when other animals have yet to be adopted.

A Boston terrier puppy with the SPCA. BLUWATERBOSTONS.COM

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The straight plunge into the deep end of calories and sugar is underway. From sweet to savoury to spicy in just a few minutes, like a roller-coaster ride for the taste buds. Carbohydrate loading lies ahead.

It's time for the Jurassic Pork Mac and Cheese.

"Everything starts with the movie title, and then I work back," said Suzanne Pourier of Reel Mac and Cheese.

Family is a theme among several of the 71 food vendors at the fair.

Jason Faria is trying to carry the family legacy left by his father Jack Hunter — who worked at the fair for 73 years before passing away this past April — while adding his own personal touch with a foot-long bacon-wrapped pizza hot dog.

"We were sitting on the couch and we said, 'What kind of cool things can we come up with this year?' We were actually eating pizza at the time," said Faria.

> **"We were sitting on the couch and we said, 'What kind of cool things can we come up with this year?'**
> Jason Faria, vendor

By now, the calorie count is climbing. It's time for dessert.

The Fat Elvis — a brioche bun filled with ice cream, bananas and chocolate sauce — is another debut item at the PNE.

Oh, we're not done there. Three more stops remain, including the Mini Donut Factory, which altered its treats from traditional to red-velvet mini doughnuts with cream-cheese glaze.

One last sweet hit.

The walk to the exit is now a meander.

Yvette Cuthbert serves up some Fat Elvis at the PNE on Wednesday. Inset: Jurassic Pork Mac and Cheese. CAM TUCKER/METRO

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CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Parties 'alienate' women

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Finance Minister Joe Oliver's decision to give a speech at a private men's club shows just how badly politicians can "screw up" their appeal to female voters, one political expert argues.

"It's shocking to me that, even today, there are political campaigns and political leaders who don't understand the optics of choosing to alienate half of the population of Canada," said Siri Agrell, vice-president of communications firm Pilot PMR.

Earlier this week, Green Party Leader Elizabeth May's platform was called "anti-feminist," forcing the party to make changes. A debate dedicated to women has also been cancelled after Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the NDP's Tom Mulcair bowed out.

The optics aren't good for Mulcair either, Agrell said. But, he's done a better job of talking about policies, such as child care, that appeal to women.

Leaders debate budget

ECONOMY

Parties trade barbs over fitness as fiscal managers

Canada's three main political leaders traded accusations of fiscal recklessness and promises of budget prudence Wednesday as the health of the economy dominated the federal election campaign for a third straight day.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, trying to carve out a place for his party on the mantle of economic management, promised that a New Democrat government would deliver a balanced budget next year, no matter what.

Easier said than done, countered Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, who suggested — even as he billed his party as a champion of fiscal responsibility — that balancing the books would likely be a matter of years.

All of which left Conservative Leader Stephen Harper saying what he's been saying all along: the budget is balanced now but won't be for long if either the NDP or Liberals form the next federal government.

The NDP's Tom Mulcair high-fives a girl in a coffee shop in Stratford, Ont., on Wednesday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

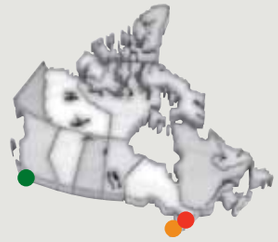
Asked during a campaign event in London, Ont., whether an NDP government would run a deficit, Mulcair was unequivocal: "We are not entertaining any thought of that."

However, doing away with the Conservative income-splitting measure won't produce enough extra revenue to cover his spending promises, Mulcair conceded.

He said he will soon detail how he will stay in the black while implementing new programs, including an ambitious promise of a million child-care spaces within eight years.

"We're going to have a fully costed program," Mulcair said. "Everybody will get to see what the NDP plan is every step of the way."

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TODAY



- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Toronto and Oakville, Ont.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Ontario: Toronto, St. Catharines and Brantford.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Oak Bay, B.C.

Stephen Harper's itinerary was unavailable.

His details will also have to cover a new promise of a $40-million tax credit for businesses investing in innovative research, which he promised Wednesday.

Trudeau was electioneering on the outskirts of Toronto, an area that looms as a key election battleground. He promised to give teachers a tax break on school supplies they buy with their own money — and dismissed the Conservative government's claims that the federal budget is already balanced. "We are in deficit now," he said.

Balancing the books will be a Liberal priority, he added, but it won't be easy. "How many years it takes to balance that budget is what we will be talking about in the coming days and weeks."

Harper was in friendly territory in rural eastern Ontario, where he promised to spend $200 million over seven years to expand broadband Internet access for remote areas.

He stepped up his attacks on his main rivals as reckless spendthrifts.

After six straight Conservative deficits, Harper is hardly in a position to offer fiscal advice, Trudeau retorted.

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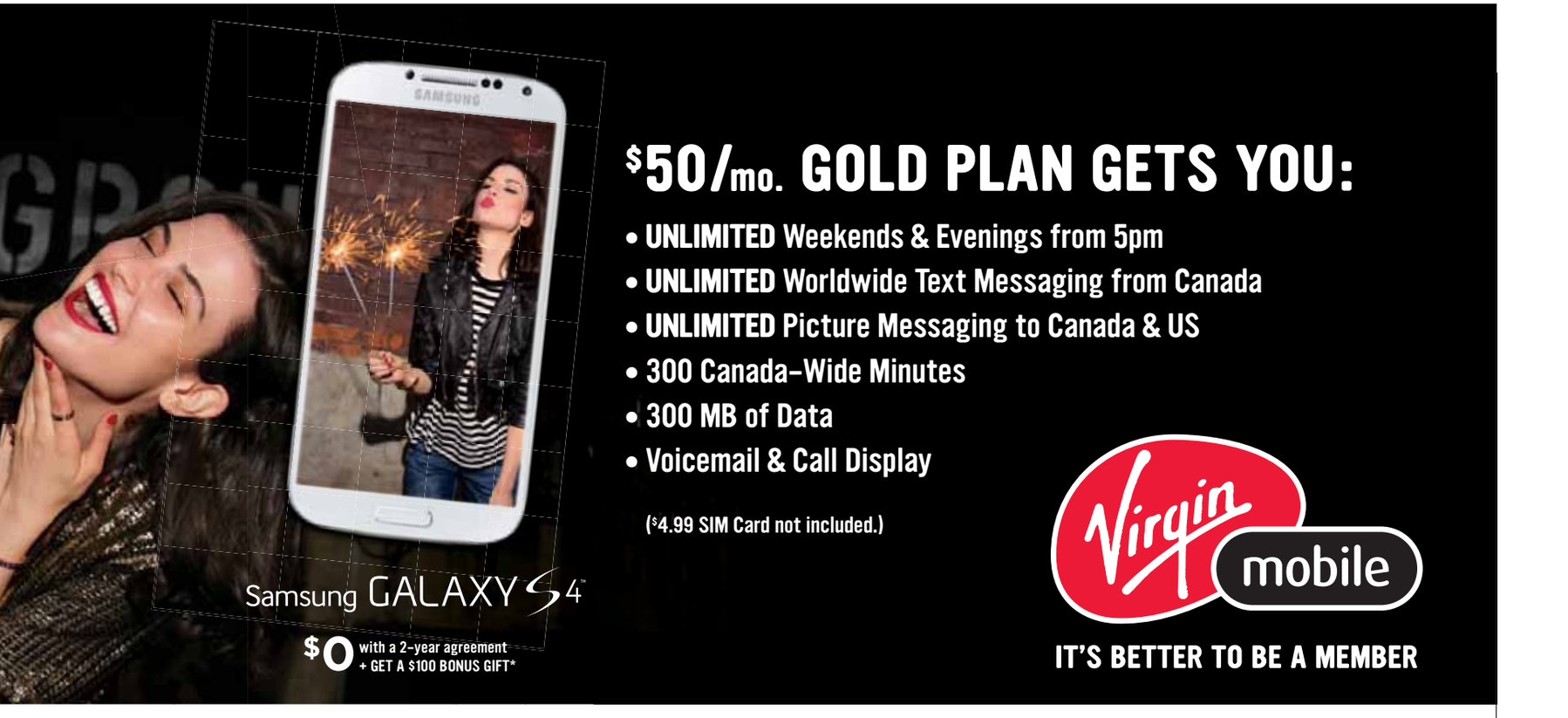
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Killings seen on live TV

TRAGEDY

Gunman also posted video of shootings on social media

A TV reporter and cameraman were shot to death on live television Wednesday by their former colleague, a journalist who also recorded himself carrying out the killings and then posted the video on social media.

The gunman, who was fired in 2013 from WDBJ in Roanoke, Va., fled the scene and went online, posting the video on Facebook and Twitter. He also reportedly faxed a 23-page manifesto and "suicide note" to ABC News, describing himself as a "human powder keg" that was "just waiting to go BOOM!!!!"

Vester Lee Flanagan II, 41, who appeared on WDBJ as Bryce Williams, had evidently been planning the attack for some time, authorities said. As he fled, he switched vehicles, picking up a rental car he had previously reserved at an airport. Troopers caught up with him hours later and hundreds of kilometres away after he fatally shot himself and ran off the road.

Reporter Alison Parker, left, and cameraman Adam Ward were fatally shot during an on-air interview Wednesday in Moneta, Va. COURTESY OF WDBJ-TV VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The live spot by reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward was nothing out of the ordinary: They were interviewing a local official at an outdoor shopping mall for a tourism story. Then, at about 6:45 a.m., morning show viewers saw Parker suddenly scream and run, crying "Oh my God," as she fell. Ward fell, too, and the camera he had been holding on his shoulder captured a fleeting image of the suspect holding a handgun.

> **Things were spiralling out of control.**
> W.Q. "Bill" Overton Jr., Franklin County Sheriff

WDBJ quickly switched back to the anchor at the station, her eyes large and jaw dropping as she said, "OK, not sure what happened there." The station later went live again, reporting on their own staff as the story developed.

Parker and Ward died at the scene after the gunman fired about 15 shots. Their interview subject, Vicki Gardner, was in stable condition later Wednesday after surgery for gunshot wounds.

Video posted on Bryce Williams' Twitter account and Facebook page hours later showed an outstretched arm holding the handgun. The shooter walked up to the victims and stood a few metres away, but with all three in the midst of the live TV interview, none seemed to notice. The gunman waited until Ward's camera was pointed at Parker, and then fired repeatedly.

The shooting happened at Bridgewater Plaza in Franklin County, as Parker interviewed Gardner about the upcoming 50th anniversary festivities for Smith Mountain Lake, a local tourism destination.

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IN BRIEF

Colorado theatre shooter sentenced to life in prison

The man who opened fire on a packed Colorado movie theatre was ordered Wednesday to serve life in prison plus 3,318 years.

Judge Carlos A. Samour Jr. ordered James Holmes, 28, to serve 12 consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole, one for each of the people he killed in the July 20, 2012, attack. He added 3,312 years for 70 convictions of attempted murder, and six years for an explosives charge.

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Suspected train gunman facing terrorism charges

The suspect in a foiled attack on a high-speed train in France is facing terrorism charges, the Paris prosecutor's office confirmed Wednesday.

Authorities say Ayoub El-Khazzani planned to unleash carnage among hundreds of passengers. El-Khazzani, 26, has denied having terrorism plans, saying he stumbled on a bag of weapons and decided to use them to rob passengers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OUTSOURCING

No more Oreos for Trump

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump repeated his claim Tuesday evening that he would stop eating Oreos, citing the cookie maker's decision to close a plant in Chicago and move it to Mexico.

"I'm never eating Oreos again," Trump said, before adding that he would consider it if he could find some that were made in the U.S.

Trump's claim is partly true.

Oreo's parent company Mondelez International Inc. announced its decision last month to invest $130 million in building four new production lines at a plant in Mexico, which will replace nine older production lines at its Chicago plant.

The number of jobs at the Chicago plant will go from about 1,200 to about 600, said Laurie Guzzinati, a Mondelez representative, but the plant in Chicago will remain open.

Guzzinati noted that Oreos continue to be made in some U.S. plants, including in New Jersey, Oregon and Virginia.

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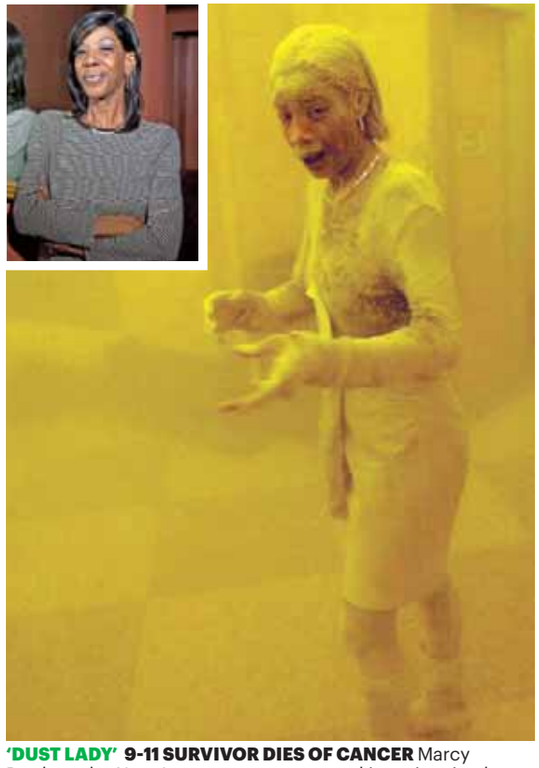

'DUST LADY' 9-11 SURVIVOR DIES OF CANCER Marcy Borders, the New Jersey woman captured in an iconic photo taken after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, died Monday at her home in Bayonne, N.J., after a battle with stomach cancer, her daughter said Wednesday. Borders, who was 42, had been working on the 81st floor inside one of the Twin Towers in the attack, but she managed to escape the building. STAN HONDA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE; INSET: REENA ROSE SIBAYAN/THE JERSEY JOURNAL VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SERBIA

Migrants thwart razor fence

Clambering over the razor-wire fence or crawling under it, migrants surged Wednesday across the Serbian border into Hungary. Then they jostled to formally enter the country so they could quickly leave it, heading toward more prosperous European Union nations on a desperate quest to escape war and poverty.

In Roszke, a Hungarian border town, police used tear gas to break up a brief scuffle involving about 200 migrants requesting asylum. Most were from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. Police said the migrants were growing impatient with registration delays.

So far the Hungarian border fence, which is being hastily built to keep the migrants out, consists of three layers of razor wire along the country's 174-kilometre border with Serbia. But it's hardly a formidable barrier.

One group of migrants, including women and children, crawled under it Wednesday, using blankets, sleeping bags, jackets and a stick to raise the wire. As a police car approached, they dashed through a field.

"(It's been) very, very difficult," Odei, a Syrian migrant from Daraa, said once he reached Hungary. "We were here from yesterday. We are very hungry. There's no food, there's no medicine for the children, there's nothing. We are so tired."

These migrants are following the Balkans route, from Turkey to Greece by sea, up north to Macedonia by bus or foot, by train through Serbia and then walking the last few miles into EU member Hungary. That avoids the more dangerous Mediterranean Sea route from North Africa to Italy, where dozens of bodies were found Wednesday in the hull of a smugglers' boat that was rescued off Libya's northern coast.

> **There's no food, there's no medicine for the children, there's nothing.**
> Syrian migrant Odei

Once inside the 28-nation EU, most migrants seek to reach richer nations such as Germany, The Netherlands or Sweden.

Over 10,000 migrants, including many women with babies and small children, have crossed into Serbia over the past few days and headed toward Hungary.

On the Serbian side of the border, groups of migrants were camping or strolling along the Hungarian fence Wednesday, looking for ways to beat it. An old blanket was thrown over it at one spot to cover the razor wire; a hole was dug under it at another spot.

The migrants' goal is to cross without being spotted by Hungarian border police so they will not be detained and sent to Hungarian asylum centres, where they are fingerprinted. The migrants don't want to go through the asylum process in financially struggling Hungary.

"If I get fingerprinted in Hungary, I don't go to Germany," explained Abdul Majed, a 25-year-old language student from Syria. "We make fingerprints in Germany, so you will be a refugee in Germany, not in Hungary."

Even when they are fingerprinted in Hungary, many still head north and west to wealthier countries.

By Wednesday morning, 1,302 migrants had already been detained at Hungary's southern border with Serbia, according to Karoly Papp, Hungary's national police chief. Police said 2,533 migrants were detained Tuesday, up from 2,093 on Monday, with the numbers setting records nearly every day.

Hungary is still scrambling to react. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Volunteers from lowernine.org help rebuild damaged homes in the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans, La. The area was one of the most devastated areas of the city following a levee breach during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The 10th anniversary of Katrina, considered the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history, is Saturday, Aug. 29. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

SPECIAL FEATURE

Ten years after Hurricane Katrina, a Canadian woman heads a small non-profit still working to rebuild homes in New Orleans' worst-hit neighbourhood. Metro's **Rosemary Westwood** reports from the Lower Ninth Ward.

Project Grace and Mercy

This is the second in a three-part series on New Orleans' ongoing struggles ahead of the 10th anniversary of Katrina.

It's only 10 a.m., and already it's dripping, sweltering hot — the kind of heat that makes you wonder why you put on a clean shirt at all.

Errol Joseph goes through three or four a day, working on his home in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward, a community made famous by catastrophic flooding after the levees failed in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Joseph, 64, is getting into his van when I arrive early one morning. He's taking a rest in the shaded driver's seat before heading to the Home Depot for supplies.

His house was heavily damaged in flooding that left 100 per cent of the neighbourhood uninhabitable. And 10 years later, he's still rebuilding.

Around him, volunteers in purple T-shirts cut tile, paint doorways and tape ceilings. Some are from France, some from other parts of the U.S. All are offering free labour through a small non-profit called lowernine.org.

Executive director Laura Paul was living in Montreal when Hurricane Katrina hit on Aug. 29, 2005. In January of 2006, she stopped in New Orleans as part of a road trip, intending to volunteer for a few days.

She never left.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD/METRO

"Laura has been on my side through thick and thin."

Errol Joseph, Lower Ninth Ward resident

Paul, 44, started out with Emergency Communities, a charity formed in the wake of Katrina, living in a tent in nearby St. Bernard Parish for nine months. She was a founding board member for lowernine.org, created in late 2006 with the realization that at some point house gutting would need to give way to house rebuilding.

"Katrina did not discriminate," she says her voice rising a few decibels. "It's true. Eighty per cent of the city flooded." She pauses. "Disasters don't discriminate — recoveries do. That's an absolute reality."

A reality borne out by a study, released Monday by Louisiana State University, that found the black population has declined since Katrina while the white population has increased, and white median income is more than double that of blacks, and has grown three times as fast.

The Lower Ninth is a stark microcosm of the inequality. While 79 per cent of New Orleans' overall population has returned, the figure in the Lower Ninth — once a dense community of mostly black homeowners — is 36.7 per cent.

Joseph was born and bred on this block of the Lower Ninth, and he points out the lots where his neighbours used to live: Miss Elsie and Mr. Jesse, Reverend and Mrs. Sutton, Lady Dora, Mr. Alexander, the Gilmores, and the Simmons.

It'll have taken 10 years by the time he moves home (he hopes) for Thanksgiving. He recounts a decade-long maze of paperwork, meetings, damage estimates and mixed messages from government agencies tasked with residential rebuilding. The process has caused his thick black curls to grey, his weight to balloon 100 pounds.

"I'm exhausted," he says. "We have exhausted my retirement, my wife's retirement, our coffee cans," he says. He lists the friends he owes money: the welder, the guy who installed the electricity pole on his property, the guy who helped him raise his house to meet the required height guidelines.

Joseph got hooked up with lowernine.org in 2009, and since then "Laura has been on my side through thick and thin. I started to give up several times. Laura would say, 'No, we going, we going.'"

Joseph's is a story of bureaucratic chaos that makes his home a testament to both a disaster, and a miracle. He calls it Project Grace and Mercy.

Certainly, there aren't many other construction sites in the neighbourhood.

While rents across the city have soared post-Katrina and housing prices are rising, land value in the Lower Ninth has stayed low, first because the city originally decided part of the area would become green space, and then because of the slow recovery. There was even a failed plan last year to sell lots for $100 each.

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"Disasters don't discriminate — recoveries do. That's an absolute reality."

Laura Paul, lowernine.org executive director

Operating on an annual budget of just $149,000, lowernine.org has built 77 houses — only 23 fewer than Brad Pitt's much better-known and -funded Make it Right foundation. It is a staggeringly lean organization and it typically provides only labour. Homeowners need to provide building materials.

Lowernine.org isn't perfect. Most of the volunteers need guidance and supervision, sometimes there's a language barrier, and some only stay a week or two. Then a whole new batch needs training.

But I met half a dozen while I was there, and many were repeat volunteers. Graham Hyde, a sardonic 72-year-old from England via France, is finishing his second three-month stint. Vicky Maguire, 32, from Wales, is using her two weeks of holidays to come back a second time. Gregor Ernst, 20, came for seven months from Philadelphia last year, and returned to mark Katrina's 10-year anniversary and help finish the childhood home of one resident he's close with, and see another finally move home.

Paul fields daily calls from residents looking for help, and sees no end to the work, "as long as I can keep the lights on."

New Orleans, in all its grit and joie de vivre, is Paul's home now.

"You wander down the street and there's a guy in a prom dress riding a bicycle and there's a naked women and they're all drinking mai tais," she says, and laughs. "It is a passionate and spectacular place to live."

In the midst of efforts to rebuild this community, lowernine.org has created one of its own — of eager international volunteers and determined local residents reclaiming their homes. Joseph says the volunteers who've helped him know they're always welcome at his new, old house.

"I get each one of them to fill out a card about their stay here, and they can make you cry," he says. "You get to be family."

Tomorrow: The gentrification of a troubled city

PUSH FOR $50K

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Lowernine.org is tyring to raise $50,000 — $1,000 in each U.S. state, plus $1,000 in Canada, too. So far, $30,000 has been raised. You can donate online at at lowernine.org. The campaign ends Sept. 5.

STOCK MARKET

TSX rises, indexes soar in New York

The Toronto Stock Exchange was solidly higher Wednesday while indexes in New York soared as buyers flocked back to end a six-day slide, the longest on Wall Street in more than three years.

In Toronto, the S&P/TSX composite soared up 230.66 points to 13,381.591 after seeing an earlier triple-digit advance evaporate into a slight loss before ramping up again in the late afternoon.

Meanwhile in New York, another afternoon surge Wednesday gave the stock market its best day in close to four years, as stocks rebounded from a week-long slump.

The Dow fell about 1,900 points over that period, while the slump wiped more than $2 trillion off the value of S&P 500 companies.

The three major U.S. indexes dropped six days in a row heading into Wednesday on concern that China's economy is weaker than investors had previously thought. That was the longest market slide in more than three years.

The turnaround at least temporarily ended the bleeding that has driven investors from the market and wiped out trillions of dollars in asset values, but there was no guarantee it would put an end to the recent volatility.

Still, there is no reason for most investors to be overly concerned, said Craig Jerusalim, a portfolio manager with CIBC Asset Management, who added that much of the volatility has to do with investor psychology.

Stock markets around the world have been in flux for more than a week amid deep plunges on China's main market and a decision by its central bank to devaluate the yuan in a move to stimulate its slowing economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Facebook launches rival to Apple's Siri

Built into Messenger, "M" is Facebook's new personal assistant and potential "Siri" competitor.

Rumours have been circulating about a Facebook personal assistant since July. Facebook has confirmed that the familiar "Hello Siri" may have a competitor in the form of "M."

At the moment, "M" is only available in very limited release to users in the Bay Area, as part of its trial period. AFP

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TECHNOLOGY VIRTUAL PRACTICE DUMMY DESIGNED TO TACKLE CONCUSSIONS Dartmouth College Engineering graduate Quinn Connell, far left, controls the movement of the team's Mobile Virtual Player during college football practice on Wednesday in Hanover, N.H. In an effort to avoid concussions, the team practices with the newest addition to the roster, which the school says is the only powered device that simulates a real football player in size, weight, agility and speed. JIM COLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Let's end the beef'

MCWHOPPER

Hybrid of signature burgers would promote peace

Burger King is hoping to set aside its rivalry with McDonald's Corp., at least for a day.

The fast-food chain is reaching out to its longtime competitor with an unusual proposal: create a hybrid of each company's signature burger — Big Mac and Whopper — and then sell it at a pop-up restaurant in Atlanta for one day. The profits would go to an organization that promotes world peace.

"We're being completely transparent with our approach because we want them to take it seriously," Fernando Machado, senior vice-president for global brand management at Burger King, said in a statement. "It would be amazing if McDonald's agrees to do this."

Burger King created a website, mcwhopper.com, that includes a proposed recipe for the McWhopper. The sandwich has six ingredients from the Big Mac (including special sauce, all-beef patty and cheese), and six from the Whopper (flame-grilled patty, onion, pickles, etc.).

Burger King, a division of the Warren Buffett-backed Restaurant Brands International Inc., has also mocked up hybrid employee uniforms and packaging for the burgers. To draw attention to its gambit, the company took out full-page advertisements Wednesday in the New York Times and Chicago Tribune, the hometown paper for Oak Brook, Illinois-based McDonald's.

In a response posted on Facebook Wednesday, McDonald's chief executive officer Steve Easterbrook said his company would "be in touch" about the burger proposal.

"We love the intention but think our two brands could do something bigger to make a difference," he said. "We commit to raise awareness worldwide, perhaps you'll join us in a meaningful global effort?"

The event would be held on Sept. 21, known as World Peace Day. The proceeds would benefit Peace One Day.

Burger King says it thinks the McWhopper can help promote the efforts of the Peace One Day nonprofit.

"As two of the world's largest brands, we're in the perfect position to influence change," the company said in a video on the McWhopper site. "Let's end the beef, with beef."

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Some wonder if Nova Scotia's Bluenose II ship should be docked in a museum. More tours are cancelled for steering repairs: $700K on top of a $20-million restoration.

CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON WHAT THE PM KNEW ABOUT DUFFY

"The last thread of Harper's version is now so frayed, it speaks to his lack of an alternative explanation that he is still hanging on to it for dear life.

By the time Mike Duffy's trial wraps up later this year, voters will already have rendered their election verdict on Stephen Harper. But regardless of whether the disgraced senator turns out to be guilty in the eye of the law, in the court of public opinion the tenuous case designed to insulate the Conservative leader from a scandal involving his closest aides has already been blown out of the water.

From the outset, accepting Harper's contention that he was unaware of the extraordinary decision of then-PMO chief of staff Nigel Wright to secretly reimburse Duffy's unallowable expenses involved a significant leap of faith.

And yet, until the latest court developments, more than a few parliamentary insiders — including veteran political journalists such as myself and, more importantly, CTV bureau chief Robert Fife who broke the story — were willing to at least entertain the notion that Harper's version of events could be true.

For one, despite the talk of an all-knowing omnipotent Prime Minister's Office, files have been known to fall through the cracks.

The fact that the PMO has its finger in virtually every government pie actually tends to make such occurrences more frequent.

An octopus does not have eyes to match its many tentacles.

As the PMO was dealing with Duffy, Wright and Harper had many other irons in the fire, including a major trade agreement with the European Union and the planning of a mid-mandate cabinet shuffle.

And then, it was initially suggested that the loop within which Wright had operated was so small that the stratagem could have been engineered without Harper getting wind of it.

That thesis fell apart when hundreds of email exchanges between Wright, various PMO staffers and the Conservative leadership in the Senate were brought to light by the RCMP investigation.

As of that point, only a bit of chicken wire still held Harper's story together and it centred on the notion that Ray Novak, the aide most likely to have his back, was not in on the Duffy fix.

In the words of campaign spokesman Kory Teneycke, it would have been "unfathomable" in light of the close relationship between the two that Novak would not have shared the information with Harper.

Teneycke made that categorical statement just before the Duffy trial heard compelling testimony that pointed to Novak being in the loop of Wright's initiative.

As a result, the last thread of Harper's version is now so frayed that it speaks to his lack of an alternative explanation that he is still hanging on to it for dear life.

For to continue to accept that version is also to accept two dubious propositions.

If voters ... are content to look the other way, how can they expect future governments to think twice about fooling Canadians into believing whatever best suits their partisan purpose?

One: That Novak — Harper's handpicked replacement for Wright — never read one of the most politically sensitive admissions a PMO chief of staff has ever put in an email or, alternatively, that he did not hear about it from those who read their mail.

Two: That his reported attendance at a meeting where the Duffy operation was discussed is a figment of the imagination of Ben Perrin, the former legal counsel to the PMO who testified to it under oath.

It has been argued that the reimbursement of Duffy's expenses and the behind-the-scenes manoeuvring that attended it barely qualify as a scandal.

On the scale of the fabricated evidence pertaining to the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq offered as a rationale for the 2003 U.S.-led offensive on that country, the Duffy affair would not necessarily register.

But that still leaves voters with two questions to ponder between now and the Oct. 19 election.

If Harper's most trusted aides — many of whom are still in place — were willing to use every lever at their disposal to lie their way out of an embarrassment to the Conservative party, how far would they go to sway public opinion on a matter of central importance to the government and the country?

And if voters — upon being presented with undeniable evidence of a high-level coverup designed to mislead them — are content to look the other way, how can they expect future governments to think twice about the risks of fooling Canadians into believing whatever best serves their partisan purpose?

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: The mess on the moon

For a mere $12,000 US — not much more than a typical funeral — San Francisco-based company Elysium Space will lay some of your mortal remains, as ashes, to rest on the moon. The announcement of the service, released with great fanfare this week, doesn't mention concerns about polluting a celestial body that does not belong to us with earthly germs and debris. After all, there's still quite a lot of garbage, including dozens of bags of human excrement, left on the lunar surface from the Apollo missions. SOURCE: CBC

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As an expatriate, I don't have the moral right to vote at home

Mike Donachie
Metro | Toronto

You're either in or you're out.

When it comes to deciding who forms a government, non-resident citizens are definitely out, and that includes me.

Here's how it works in this country: If you're Canadian and you haven't lived here for five years, you can't vote. That's it. Thank you and goodbye.

The issue became prominent in this federal campaign after the Ontario Court of Appeal decided the law should stay as is. This made Canadian actor Donald Sutherland unhappy; he resides stateside but he wants a ballot.

Sutherland argues he deserves a say because he identifies as Canadian. I disagree.

I'm a Scot and a British citizen, and I've been a permanent resident of Canada for 2-1/2 years. Despite leaving the U.K., I have a legal right to vote there in national elections until 15 years after my departure.

I don't exercise that right.

Don't misunderstand me: I know the value of it. I'm aware of the struggle by activists, across many years, to see universal suffrage established. People died to give me a great gift that I have chosen not to use.

I voluntarily abstained from voting in this spring's U.K. general election. And, last year, when Scots cast ballots on independence from the U.K., I was denied a say due to non-residence. I agreed that was right, though it broke my heart. Scotland voted "no," but I'm not giving my opinion. I don't live there.

And that's the point. I identify as Scottish. Anyone who knows me, and has tried to penetrate my accent, knows I'm about as Scottish as it gets. I'm engaged and informed and I miss the place. But I won't vote there.

In the '80s, Margaret Thatcher's government introduced ballots for expatriates even if they'd been gone for 20 years. It's reasonable to assume she expected to pick up votes from wealthy expats. The cynicism of that appalls me.

If you permanently leave a country, you should shut up. You can identify as anything, be it Scottish, Cornish or Viking, but if you decide to be resident elsewhere you stop being invested in that place, whether it's immediately, after five years or after 15. I think that connection starts diminishing within months, not years, and, if you vote, it's like you're voting from a past life.

A legal right is not a moral right and, unless you live with the consequences of an election, there in that place, it's wrong to interfere.

That applies in Canada, I would argue. Like Donald Sutherland, I don't have a vote here. But I do live here.

And, one day, if I gain Canadian citizenship, I will vote with pride.

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BOOK EXCERPT LAWRENCE HILL'S THE ILLEGAL

'I'm just running to stay alive'

Author Lawrence Hill
LISA SAKULENSKY

The Illegal (HarperCollins, $34.99, Sept. 8) is Lawrence Hill's first work of fiction since his critically acclaimed novel The Book of Negroes.

The Illegal tells the story of Keita Ali. Running is all Keita's ever wanted to do. He's from Zantoroland, one of the poorest nations in the world, where running means respect. And riches, until Keita is targeted for his father's outspoken political views. He escapes into Freedom State, a wealthy island nation bent on deporting refugees. Keita can stay safe only if he keeps moving. As he trains in secret, eluding capture, the stakes keep getting higher.

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Weeks earlier, after Keita's first night in Clarkson — in a forty-dollar-a-night motel that did not demand ID because he paid cash up front — he had gone running in Ruddings Park.

A jogger recognized him as being of the same Faloo ethnicity and asked him to stop. Keita did so briefly, but he didn't give his name or tell the man where he was staying. He listened, though, when the man told him not to travel in cars. Not if he wanted to avoid the immigration cops. They stopped people in cars all the time, the man said, and always demanded the national citizenship card. If you didn't have it, they detained you until they could figure out where to deport you. Some people, he said, spent years in detention centres.

Keita thanked the man and said he had to keep moving. The man asked if he could run with Keita, just for a kilometre. He hadn't run with anyone since leaving Zantoroland, he said, and he missed it. Sure, Keita said. He began running again, slowly to accommodate the fellow.

"So," the jogger said, "have you heard of ZRA?" Keita said he hadn't.

"It's Zantorolanders Refugee Association. We want the government of Freedom State to hear our voices and to stop deporting people who are found without papers." The jogger tapped his shoulder familiarly, like a friend might have done back home. "We need people in the movement."

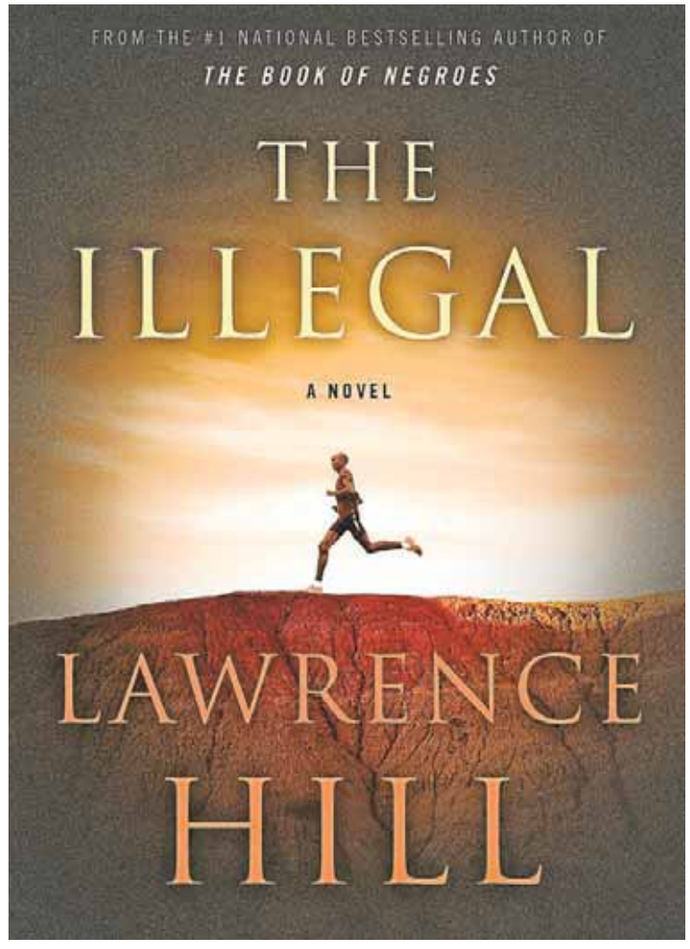
Keita nodded noncommittally.

"By the way, you run beautifully. Are you an elite marathoner?"

"I was. Now I'm just running to stay alive."

"You could be a role model for our cause."

"Sorry," Keita repeated, "but I can't help you right now." And with that, he accelerated and left the jogger behind.



Keita was heeding the advice not to travel by car. Though his muscles were aching, he was sitting at the back of a bus in the Buttersby station, waiting for it to depart for Clarkson. He had killed several hours in the pub, where he sat in a corner, facing a wall, nursing tea and shepherd's pie and hoping to avoid attention. Nobody knew his name or a thing about him, or cared if he was cold or hungry or afraid, but he feared that everyone noticed him.

Keita had boarded the bus the minute the doors opened. The less he was in public view, the better. He chose a window seat near the back. He had barely sat down when a boy — perhaps only twelve years old but travelling alone — took the seat beside him.

To take his mind off his troubles, Keita had turned on his iPod, put the buds in his ears and listened to a country song about a man with a broken heart.

I got the gotta have you
God I want you
Don't you wanna love me blues
Wait all day for you to call my name
But baby baby baby baby
You ain't got the blues the same
No
You ain't got the same.

Keita found it odd that here, in one of the richest nations of the world, bad grammar seemed acceptable in music. Still, the words and music were catchy, and he hummed along until a woman across the aisle gave him a nasty look. He stopped and unplugged the iPod. He had to be careful. One did not hum or sing in public in Freedom State — neither while walking around the street nor while sitting on a bus. People in this country took it as a sign of mental imbalance. To Keita, that itself was insanity.

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RELATIONSHIPS

The odds of pairing up

A new book by business journalist Jon Birger blames lopsided gender ratios, not women, for bad luck on the dating front

Think Freakonomics meets Moneyball in Date-onomics, a by-the-numbers book on dating that argues advice-givers have it all wrong serving up tips for women on how to a find a man.

Business journalist Jon Birger has crunched the data on hetero singlehood and blames massively off-kilter gender ratios — not whether you do or do not return his first text — for the woes of women looking for their Mr. Rights.

Married 23 years with three kids, Birger took on the economics, sociology and demographics of dating to help women realize the hookup culture, a decline in marriage rates among the college educated and a dearth of marriage-worthy men willing to commit are byproducts of lopsided gender ratios.

New York City has 100,000 more women than men who are college educated and under 35, a fact not usually reported when dating-related issues are discussed in the media, Birger said. And he writes there's no gender ratio divide when it comes to many rural versus urban areas, or small towns versus big cities.

His hope? That the book, out in September from Workman, provides some comfort to those who blame themselves.

Here's what he had to say in a recent interview:

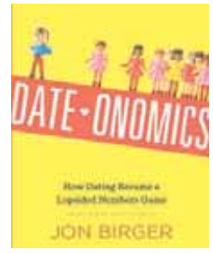
What myths are you trying to dispel?

I'm trying to offer another take different from what all the conventional dating advice books offer up. The message of a lot of these guides is that women are going about it all wrong. It's their fault, and my argument is it's not their fault. It's the demographics.

How did you conclude demographics never seem to be part of the conversation?

I just know a lot of single women, really wonderful, smart — they're good company — attractive women in their 30s and 40s who share with me various woes of their single lives, and the concept that the number of women in their dating market outnumber the number of men just never enters the conversation.

> **Men are more likely to play the field and delay marriage when women are in over-supply.**
> Author Jon Birger



Where is the deficit worst?

I know people who live in cities like New York think this is a phenomenon unique to them. But it's a national phenomenon. Nationally, among millennials, there are four college-grad women for every three college-grad men. In fact, the lopsidedness is actually worse in some rural states like Montana and West Virginia than it is in urban states like California and New York.

How do lopsided gender ratios impact behaviour?

In terms of the impact, it doesn't just make it statistically harder for educated women to find a match. It changes behaviour as well.

There's a ton of social science that's been done on sex ratios and the big takeaway is that men are more likely to play the field and delay marriage when women are in oversupply. A big argument of my book is that the college- and post-college hookup culture is largely a byproduct of these gender ratios.

What you see from the census data is that fully employed men age 25 to 30 who successfully marry earn 20 per cent more than fully employed men age 25 to 30 who are unmarried. There are academic studies on the same topic that reach the same conclusion, that a scarcity of women in this instance does lead men to earn more.

How do gender ratios play out on college campuses?

It's a long-term problem. Girls perform better in high school. They get better grades, they've been narrowing the gap and sometimes closing the gap on standardized tests, 70 per cent of valedictorians are women. Girls are better at college preparation and many colleges accept women at a higher rate.

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September issues heavy as newborns signal the arrival of fashion's most fabulous season. We thumbed past all of the ads to bring you the skinny on newsstand style favourites

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GENDER FLUID

F is for Flare over Fashion

Putting Victoria's Secret Angel models on its cover feels just a bit off as inside Fashion touts "gender as a non-issue" when it comes to working fall styles.

But Fashion gets some major love for key beauty looks like Max Mara's oversized cat eye glasses and fun 3D eye make-up. Flare meanwhile does "clothing that defies gender definition" with, well, more flair. Plus Flare features a fave porn stars story and a fashion future that includes Tinder-like shopping apps.

ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL

How Bazaar

"Masculine-feminine revolution." That's the Harper's Bazaar hype. But the mag's knack for breaking down key pieces and its wardrobe edits makes this season's abundance of looks seem totally doable IRL. Must-haves include a fur scarf, chunky heels and a bow blouse. A section on young designers to watch features the lovely juxtaposition of veteran model Lauren Hutton wearing their creations. Elsewhere there's The Art of the Retort, the very wittiest of accessories, and a Sharon Stone interview showcasing the Basic Instinct actress in no clothes at all.

Vogue's B game

Democracy and egalitarianism are driving fall's eclecticism, says editor Anna Wintour. We say just show us the pictures of OTT embellishment, off-season pastels and the '20s-inspired clothes gracing models including Toronto singer The Weeknd for a story about the hip-hop drama Empire. Canada gets another shout-out in a profile of Cindy Crawford at her Ontario cottage-country home where the canoe hangs over the dining room table and the former supermodel chills in a plaid shirt and cutoffs just like the rest of us.

TO THE MAX

Elle's belles

"Fashion is maximalist" is Elle Canada's fall maxim, and its September issue is where you'll discover that kitsch is cool again, more is more when it comes to accessories — just pile on all of granny's old brooches — and how to pair anti-fit pieces with classic tailoring. Plus an interview with cover girl and style icon Diane Kruger. Sister publication Elle celebrates its 30th anniversary more than this season's looks but the theme is the same: expressive, sensual, romantic maximalism that's wearable.

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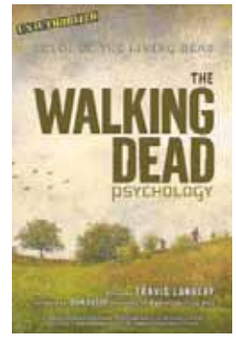
NEW RELEASES

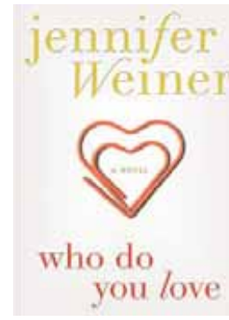
Lose track of time inside these pages

Looking for a juicy read? Check out these two new books. You can get scientific with The Walking Dead Psychology, or swept up in a complicated romance with Who Do You Love.

The Walking Dead Psychology by Travis Langley

Travis Langley examines what living in a post-apocalyptic world actually does to one's psyche. As a fan, it's easy to get caught up in the drama of the show without thinking about what living in such a stressful, violent environment can do to a person. But Langley really gets into it, which helps you understand the characters even better.





Who Do You Love by Jennifer Weiner

Rachel and Andy meet as kids in the ER and through the next three decades, they keep running into each other. But being together isn't easy. They come from two totally different worlds: Rachel grew up in an affluent Florida suburb in a seemingly perfect family while Andy grew up in a bad part of Philadelphia without much familial support. Watching how their two lives keep intersecting makes for an enjoyable read, but the book isn't fluff. Weiner tackles issues of race, class and the cost of love along the way. EMILY LAURENCE/METRO IN NEW YORK

IN BRIEF

Everything, Everything to be adapted for big screen

The debut novel by Nicola Yoon will be made into a movie by MGM studios, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Scriptwriter J. Mills Goodloe will take on the adaptation of Everything, Everything, a YA (young adult) novel centred around a 17-year-old girl with severe combined immunodeficiency — causing multiple allergies — which prevents her from leaving the house. Goodloe has adapted several novels for the big screen, notably Age of Adaline with Blake Lively. Everything, Everything has been compared to other YA movies that tackle unusual yet reality-based issues facing young people, such as The Fault in Our Stars. The book Everything, Everything is out September 1. AFP

GOSSIP IN BRIEF KYLIE 'FLATTERED' BY SEXY SONG, POLICE TO REVIEW UNSAFE DRIVING CHARGES

Kylie Jenner OK with Tyga song

While the rest of us — and the Kardashian family — might have found Tyga's new track, Stimulated, which details his penchant for "penetrating" 18-year-old girlfriend Kylie Jenner, a little — um — disturbing, it turns out Jenner herself is totally fine with the track.

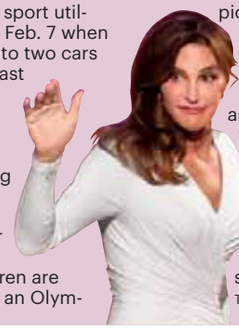
Flattered, even. "Kylie actually thought that the song was cute and knew about it before it came out," a source tells Radar Online. "It is her first true love and she is very much thinking that she will be with him forever." How ... sweet? But: "There is nothing that Tyga could ever do that would make Kylie walk away from him," the source explains. "She does not even try to argue with him because he has somehow convinced her that he is the best she will ever get, and she believes him." Sounds totally healthy, yeah. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Manslaughter evidence reviewed

Prosecutors on Tuesday began reviewing evidence, considering whether charges should be filed against Caitlyn Jenner in a collision that killed a woman on a coastal California highway.

The case was being examined by the Los Angeles County district attorney's major crimes division, said Greg Risling, a spokesman for the district attorney's office. There was no timetable for when prosecutors will decide whether to file charges, he said.

Authorities said Jenner was driving a sport utility vehicle on Feb. 7 when it slammed into two cars on Pacific Coast Highway, pushing a Lexus driven by Kim Howe into oncoming traffic.



Howe, 69, died from her injuries, and her stepchildren are suing Jenner, an Olympic gold medallist.

Sheriff's investigators determined that Jenner, 65, was travelling at an unsafe speed for the road conditions at the time and the evidence supports a vehicular manslaughter charge, the department said last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARRIAGE

Vergara's man gets cold feet: Source

There may be troubling in paradise for soon-to-wed Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello, and it's reportedly all down to the groom-to-be's pre-wedding jitters. "Joe is low-key flipping out right now," a source tells Radar Online. "He said that he does not think he is ready, and all of his friends are telling him to calm down and that he is just having a case of the cold feet."

So what's the main cause of Manganiello's gripe? The scope of the event. "Sofia's having people fly in from all over the world, and two-thirds of the guests that are coming are invited by her. Joe keeps his circle very small," the source says. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

VMAS

Kanye's Vanguard

Kanye West

If you were worried that there might be fewer reasons for Kanye West's ego to keep itself inflated, rest easy.

MTV has announced that it is celebrating West with this year's Video Vanguard Award — basically the network's lifetime achievement award — at the VMAs. Previous recipients have included Michael Jackson — for whom the award is named — Madonna, Beastie Boys, U2 and Beyoncé.

I can only assume Taylor Swift will be getting it next year. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Desperately seeking out of sitcom?

SEX IN THE CITY

Source says SJP really, really wanted off the HBO show

Ned Ehrbar

Sure, Sarah Jessica Parker did some career-defining work as Carrie Bradshaw on HBO's Sex in the City, but you would not believe how much she didn't want to do the show at first.

Or maybe you would, I don't know. I'm not a mind-reader.

But anyway, fellow thespian Seth Rudetsky just finished a production with Parker and her husband, Matthew Broderick, in Provincetown, Mass., and he's come home with some revelations from the lady herself that he's sharing over on Playbill.com.

Chief among them is the lengths Parker went to in order to try and get out of her Sex in the City contract.

"She was reluctant to do the pilot because she didn't really want to do a series. However, she loved the script so she filmed it and then forgot about it," Rudetsky writes.

"Months later she found out the show was picked up and she completely wanted to get out of it. I mean, completely."

So, completely, then?

"She tried various ways to get out of it including telling HBO that she would film three projects for free if they'd release her from her contract," he reveals.

That's pretty severe, as far as negotiating tactics go.

Seth Rudetsky claims that early on, Sarah Jessica Parker went to great lengths to get out of her Sex in the City contract.

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A thin and light smartphone with a beautiful screen, Apple's iPhone 6 Plus is a powerhouse. The 5.5-inch screen not only boasts incredible resolution, but gives students enough on-screen real estate to get work done. With hundreds of thousands of apps, your iPhone can be used for just about anything. On top of all this, the built-in M8 motion coprocessor tracks movement to help students achieve their fitness goals, as well as get good grades.

MOTO G
$199 (NO CONTRACT)

Rugged and durable, Motorola's latest smartphone is perfect for the student lifestyle. Toss it in a locker, or pitch it in a backpack, the smartphone will withstand almost anything a student throws at it. The Moto G is water resistant to protect it against leaking drinks, and the Gorilla Glass will ensure the screen remains free of scratches. Students can also customize the look of this Android phone with Motorola Shells, which come in a variety of colours and materials.

LG G4
$699.99 (NO CONTRACT)

The perfect phone for students who love to document life on campus. The 16-megapixel rear camera takes incredible photos even in low light, while the front-facing 8-megapixel camera is perfect for selfies or pictures with friends. The front camera also records in full 1080p HD, creating bright and vibrant video messages and videos for family and friends, near or far. This phone also features a manual camera mode, giving users ultimate control over their photos.

SONY XPERIA M4 AQUA
$300
(NO CONTRACT)

Remember the days when cellphones lasted more than a day on a single charge? Sony takes us back to a time when battery life mattered with this Android handset. A single charge will last two days, ensuring you never hear the phrase "sorry, my phone died" from your teen ever again. Not only is it waterproof, it's also dust proof, ensuring no annoying specs get under the glass screen.

SAMSUNG GALAXY S6 EDGE
$849.99
(NO CONTRACT)

A stylish smartphone that stands out from the crowd with a screen unlike any you have ever seen. By wrapping around the outer edges, the screen not only gives more space to work on, you can also see notifications even if your phone is sitting face down on your desk. The rapid-charge feature gives you four hours worth of use after just 10 minutes of plugging it in. If you purchase a charge pad, you can take advantage of the wireless charge feature, which gets rid of annoying cables.

ASUS ZENFONE 2
$379.99 (NO CONTRACT)

This beautiful smartphone not only looks stylish, but is ergonomically designed to fit comfortably in your hand. Not only does this phone feature a quad-core processor, it's also the world's first to feature up to 4GB of dual-channel DDR3 RAM, ensuring it handles any app or task you throw at it with ease. The 13-megapixel camera features a Super HDR mode, which expands the dynamic range by four times, allowing you to snap photos of your friends in ultra-bright environments, even in front of a setting sun, with amazing results.

HTC ONE M9
$699.95
(NO CONTRACT)

All work and no play makes for a boring student life. This Android device is ideal for not only school work, but for everything else that happens after class. With access to the Google Play store, you have all the apps you could ever need. When the work is done, enjoy movies and videos with dual front speakers, which give immersive sound unlike anything you've ever heard before on a smartphone.

Clockwise, from top left: LG G4, $699.99; Samsung Galaxy S6 EDGE, $849.99; Sony Xperia M4 Aqua, $300; iPhone 6 Plus, $969; HTC One M9, $699.95; Moto G, $199.

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Before you hit the mall...

Follow these tips to get the most out of your back-to-school shopping trip

While we all know back to school shopping can at times feel hectic, mother of four Christine Dovey knows this does not need to be the case. Using her years of experience on the subject, Christine has teamed up with Cadillac Fairview to come up with up with these easy tips to help take the stress out of back to school shopping.

SHOP THE SALES AND THINK LONGEVITY. Spend on clothing that can be worn across seasons such as dresses and T-shirts. Christine believes layering is the key to wearing clothing from summer through to winter. If you shop the summer sales, you can find unique pieces for very low prices, then invest in stylish layers to wear over top.

LOOK FOR KEY TRENDS THAT ARE VERSATILE. Invest in staple pieces that can be worn many different ways. Items like a leather jacket or the perfect pair of jeans will never go out of style.

SHOP WHERE THERE'S VARIETY. Shopping at a mall can save you time and energy — it's a one-stop-shop. For a directory of all shops at Richmond Centre visit the website: cfshops.ca or download the CF SHOP! app for detailed listings.

MAKE A LIST. Once you have a list, stick to it, but give your child one freebie ticket to buy an item they really want. Shopping from a list can ensure a stress-free back-to-school shopping trip and also be a great lesson in budgeting for your child.

CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL AND ASK FOR THEIR 'NEED LIST'. With this, you'll know exactly which school supplies to buy without any unnecessary purchases.

LET YOUR KIDS GET INVOLVED. If your child is invested in their clothing choices, they'll be more likely to wear what you buy. Getting ready to head back to school is an exciting time for your kids.

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Time for a fresh start and a new look. Make back to school shopping a fun experience for you both. With these tips and tricks to back-to-school shopping, you can plan ahead and make the experience a positive one for everyone.

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Kitschy throw pillows, like these from AllModern, give any room a vintage vibe

What they're a$king

Midrise condominium buildings blend well into existing, established neighbourhoods. This week, Metro looks at one-bedroom suites in newer resale midrise buildings around the downtown.

Duncan McAllister FOR METRO

ASKING PRICES WERE ACCURATE AT TIME OF PUBLISHING.

$369,900

Vancouver

Here's a charming unit for sale at 1270 Robson St. in Vancouver. The Robson Garden is a well-managed all-concrete building located in the dynamic downtown core. The suite is a large, south-facing one-bedroom unit with lots of light, private and very quiet, with views of the city skyline. The building boasts a Walk Score of 98, and parking is available for $25 per month. The listing agent is Yi (Leo) Zhang with Sincere Real Estate Services, 778-238-9619.

$488,800

Calgary

This rare, top-floor unit at Providence Kensington is located in the Hillhurst area. It faces south to enjoy the sunlight, and the downtown skyline out the patio door. "This unit is one of the nicest in the building." says listing agent Justin Havre. There's a built-in desk, and a modern, high-end Murphy bed. The kitchen features granite counters, rich cabinets, cork floors, air conditioning and underground parking. The building is in the heart of Kensington, close to shopping and downtown. Havre is an associate with RE/Max First, 403-278-2900.

$285,800

Edmonton

Here's a trendy, 829-sq.-ft., one-bedroom condo for sale in the Century Park building. It features a modern, open floor plan with nine-foot ceilings. The suite includes granite countertops in the kitchen, a counter-height eating bar and stainless steel appliances. The bathroom has an enclosed glass shower and marble tile. There's an exercise room in the building and an underground parking spot. It's close to shopping and restaurants, and the LRT is at the door. Listing agent Darlene Strang is an associate with Re/Max Real Estate. 780-908-3131.

$297,900

Halifax

This one-bedroom suite at The Anchorage in Dartmouth overlooks the canal with harbour views. It features an open-concept floor plan with floor-to-ceiling windows to maximize natural light. Listing agent Rose Brine says that residents have access to the Marina. The kitchen has high-end Bosch stainless steel appliances and polished granite countertops. The great room is perfect for entertaining, with a breakfast bar dividing the living room and kitchen. Brine is an associate with Royal LePage Anchor Realty, 902-471-2934.

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Ottawa

For sale is a loft-style apartment in the Centretown area. Built in 2013, it's located in the heart of downtown, with a view of Bank Street from its floor-to-ceiling windows with western exposure. Listing agent Elaine Smallwood says the building has mostly young urban professionals who walk, bike or bus. The suite has concrete pillars and ceiling, as well as hardwood and tiled floors. Amenities include a pool, patio, barbecue, a gym and media room. Smallwood is a sales representative with Royal LePage Performance Realty, 613-859-6129.

$338,000

Toronto

"A boutique condominium with a superb location," says listing agent Alex J. Wilson. The unit is located in the heart of Toronto's financial and entertainment districts. The condo is close to the University subway line, as well as shopping, theatre and restaurants on King Street West. Building amenities include an outdoor pool, games room, a party room, and 24-hour concierge. The suite includes all windows coverings and appliances. Wilson is with RE/Max Condos Plus Corporation, 416-996-5181.

$169,900

Winnipeg

What's old is new again at this midrise building in the Crescentwood neighbourhood. This character condo has been completely modernized and restored. Listing agent Kenneth Clark says, "This one was built in 1923, a three-storey walk-up. The suite is gorgeous and completely remodelled." It features a bright and sunny top-floor location, a corner suite with windows on three sides. Bus service is at the door, and a grocery store and trendy restaurants are walkable. Clark is a broker with Realty Executives Premiere, 204-955-3887.

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Perfect balance

It's rare to find a place with the perfect balance of space, freedom, family friendliness and affordability in Vancouver.

Hycroft row homes are Surrey's answer to that growing need.

The 2,200-plus-square-foot row homes at Hycroft start at $629,900 and are almost 75 per cent sold, with Phase 4 recently released.

"Row homes are a really great way to get into the market affordably, while still retaining the freedom of a freehold home," says Vanessa Isler, sales and marketing manager of StreetSide Developments, the developer of Hycroft, a collection of 65, four-bedroom freehold row homes in the neighbourhood. "There's no strata to answer to, so you are free to do what you like with your home.

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The neighbourhood provides residents the ideal place to do all the things they have ever wanted, with plenty of space for it all.

Hycroft is your personal gardening project if you want it to be, with walkout patios and fenced yards that allow residents with green thumbs to plan, plant and prune to their hearts' content.

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Grandview Heights is a quiet neighbourhood with a central location, so residents get that blend of city accessibility with country quiet and community feel.

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EVERYTHING ON YOUR DREAM HOME CHECKLIST

American author Victoria Moran once wrote, "I firmly believe that everyone deserves to live within walking distance of either beauty or convenience, if not both."

In today's real estate market, there are some homes that live up to this tenet and others that don't.

In the heart of desirable South Surrey, there is a new condo development that has it all — and then some. South Point Walk, a collection of 42 condos built by StreetSide Developments, is the perfect combination of affordability, accessibility and livability.

"There are certain features that home-buyers should not have to compromise on — proximity to the amenities they need and care about, a neighbourhood feel, and, of course, a beautiful home," says Vanessa Isler, marketing and sales manager of Streetside. "South Point Walk was designed to make sure residents got everything on their dream home checklist."

Designed with polish, beauty and practicality, the homes at South Point Walk are the ideal marriage of form and function.

Affordability is also key.

"This is the perfect spot if you're looking to get into the housing market in Metro Vancouver," Isler says. "It's been quite a relief for our buyers so far. It's central and easy to get anywhere in the region when you want to, while also escaping the shocking prices you'll find closer to downtown Vancouver."

Homes at South Point Walk start at $247,900, including net GST, and you can own with only a five per cent down payment.

Perhaps one of the greatest conveniences of South Point Walk is that residents can move in right away. The homes are ready for occupancy.

For those who enjoy stretching their legs outdoors once in a while, South Point Walk is located within walking distance of nature walks, transit, and shopping, including the South Point Exchange mall, which features standards like Save-On-Foods, Canadian Tire, Home Sense and Starbucks for those everyday needs.

The neighbourhood is also home to more than a dozen golf courses. Or explore the historic Semiahmoo Trail and discover 200-year-old fir trees and the remains of the original wagon road built back in 1873.

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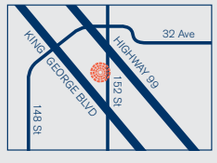

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Caps capture the Cup

SOCCER

Local side wins its first Canadian championship

Cam Tucker
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The wait is finally over for the Vancouver Whitecaps and their fans.

They are Canadian champions for the first time, erasing the disappointment from two years ago when they lost it courtesy of a draw on home turf with the Montreal Impact.

2ND LEG OF FINAL

2	0
WHITECAPS	IMPACT

(4-2 on aggregate)

The Impact's Johan Venegas, left, and Steven Beitashour of the Whitecaps vie for the ball at BC Place Stadium on Wednesday night. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

On Wednesday, the same teams met, once again at BC Place Stadium, in the second leg of the 2015 Amway Canadian Championship final.

The result was far different this time around, much to the jubilation of Vancouver's 19,616 supporters in attendance, as the Whitecaps defeated the Impact 2-0, and 4-2 on aggregate, capturing the Voyageurs Cup and securing their spot in the 2016-17 CONCACAF Champions League.

The talk around the Whitecaps heading into this match had been about their chance to make history and to take this championship at home.

They backed up their words, going on the offensive right away with a strong lineup that featured most of the regular MLS starters and Canadian Russell Teibert in the midfield in place of Matias Laba.

Despite a flurry of unsuccessful chances early in the first half, the Whitecaps were not deterred.

They also benefited from a quartet of yellow cards given to Impact players, including two cautions and an eventual red card to defender Victor Cabrera 30 minutes in. The ejection reduced the Impact to 10 men for the remainder of the game.

The Whitecaps took advantage. Late in the first half, they were finally able to break through.

Cristian Techera did most of the work, buzzing around the box and getting his shot to deflect off goalkeeper Eric Kronberg. With the ball rolling slowly toward the goal-line, striker Octavio Rivero burst forward and booted the ball to the back of the net.

The Whitecaps essentially put the game away with an early second-half goal from rookie centre back Tim Parker.

Dangerous but unsuccessful off a corner kick earlier in the evening, Parker made good on another attempt off the set piece in the 53rd minute, as he headed the service from Pedro Morales to give Vancouver a 2-0 lead.

WHL

Molleken 'anxious' to coach Giants

Lorne Molleken missed being behind the bench of a junior hockey team. It had been two years.

But the long wait is coming to an end, as the Vancouver Giants open up training camp almost two full months since Molleken was hired as the club's new head coach, bringing the total number of benches bosses that have come and gone from the local WHL team to four since the 2014 playoffs.

"The last year I coached is when we hosted the Memorial Cup in Saskatoon but I'm anxious to get back," Molleken said Tuesday.

"That's something that I've always loved doing is coach and helping young guys develop and grow and I think this is a great opportunity coming to an organization such as the Giants."

Molleken's relationship with Giants general manager Scott Bonner dates back a long time, although it's mostly been spent competing on opposite sides.

The job now becomes finding a way to get the Giants back into the playoffs and a force in the B.C. Division, after the club missed the post-season in two of the last three seasons.

"The biggest thing is (the players) understand how important the team is and that if we can have success as a team, everything else will fall into place," said Molleken. CAM TUCKER/METRO

MLB

Jays pile on Rangers for 5th straight win

Edwin Encarnacion hit a grand slam to extend his hitting streak to 21 games, helping David Price get a win on his 30th birthday in Toronto's 12-4 victory against the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Encarnacion sent his 26th homer into the Blue Jays' bullpen in left-centre after Kevin Pillar opened a six-run sixth inning with a long ball that chased Texas starter Colby Lewis (14-6). Lewis issued four of a season-high 11 walks by Rangers pitchers.

Pitching on his birthday for the first time in the majors, Price (13-4) threw five scoreless innings after allowing Adrian Beltre's two-run homer in the first.

WEDNESDAY In Texas

12	4
BLUE JAYS	RANGERS

The AL East-leading Blue Jays won their fifth straight, while the Rangers dropped a half-game behind Minnesota in the race for the second AL wild card.

Jose Bautista walked four times and scored twice as Toronto went two games up in the division on the New York Yankees, who lost to Houston 6-2. The Astros moved 5-1/2 games ahead of Texas atop the AL West.

Lewis threw two of three wild pitches by the Rangers — both during a 10-pitch at-bat that ended with former Texas player Justin Smoak's two-run homer to break a 2-all tie in the fifth inning. Smoak's 13th long ball hit off the facade of the upper deck in right field and extended Toronto's franchise record to 16 straight road games with a homer.

Encarnacion's second grand slam of the season — both against the Rangers — and the eighth of his career ended a stretch of six straight batters reaching to start the sixth. Pillar's eighth homer was one of his three hits.

Price is 4-0 in five starts since the Blue Jays acquired him from Detroit the day before the July 31 trade deadline.

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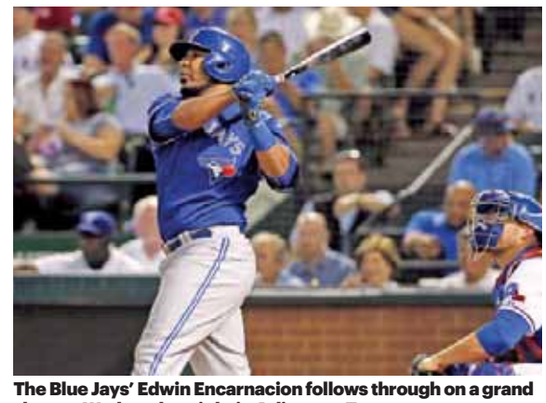

The Blue Jays' Edwin Encarnacion follows through on a grand slam on Wednesday night in Arlington, Texas.
TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pierre-Louis' speed his ticket onto team

NFL

After injury-hit rookie season his pace will interest Seattle

It doesn't take long for the speed of Kevin Pierre-Louis to catch your eye. The second-year Seahawks linebacker has loads of it. It's a trait that Seattle covets in its linebackers and Pierre-Louis fits the bill.

Pierre-Louis showed flashes in limited action as a rookie before a shoulder injury prematurely ended his season. Now the 2014 fourth-round pick is making it difficult for Seattle's coaching staff to keep him off the field.

"He's exactly the type of guy you're looking for in terms of speed and movement and all of that," head coach Pete Carroll said. "We've been recruiting and drafting for a long time to find a guy that runs 4.4 that can play linebacker. He's done a great job. He's really an exciting player for us."

Kevin Pierre-Louis of the Seattle Seahawks is making a case for a starting spot through his speed ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Pierre-Louis's speed showed up frequently in special teams duty a season ago. He would routinely match Ricardo Lockette, a former Division II 200-metre champion, in sprints to the end zone on kickoff coverage.

"That's just his gift," linebacker K.J. Wright said. "He ran fast at the combine and that's why we brought him in here. Just come out here, run and hit, and he does that really good."

But his speed isn't the only reason he's pushing for more playing time. When called upon due to injuries last season, Pierre-Louis left a strong impression.

He played well in his first extended duty against Carolina, including a tackle of Cam Newton for a loss in relief of Malcolm Smith. He posted a career-high five tackles against the New York Giants in Week 10 before a labrum tear ended his season.

"I just need to make sure that when my number is called that I'm ready," Pierre-Louis said.

"I can't really try to count reps or wondering when I'm going to get in. I just need to make sure that when my number is called, I'm there, I'm showing up and I'm doing whatever I can do for the defence." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Rooney's scoring touch returns vs. Club Brugge

Wayne Rooney ended a 10-game scoring drought by grabbing a hat trick in Manchester United's 4-0 win at Club Brugge that eased the English team into the Champions League group stage on Wednesday.

United won 7-1 on aggregate and returned to Europe's premier competition after a one-year absence.

Rooney's confidence grew after putting United ahead in Belgium in the 20th with a lobbed finish over the diving goalkeeper, his first club goal since April 4. The England captain added more goals in the 49th and 57th minutes as Brugge's defence failed repeatedly.

Rooney wasted a great chance for his fourth goal before Ander Herrera wrapped up the win in the 63rd. Javier Hernandez missed a penalty in the 81st to make it 5-0 after being handed the chance by Rooney, United's usual penalty taker. England will have four teams in Thursday's group-stage draw. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B.C. Lions co-founder Spencer dies at 90

Victor Spencer, a co-founder of the B.C. Lions, has died at the age of 90. The Lions announced Spencer's death on their website Wednesday.

Spencer, a Vancouver native, was part of the group that gained approval for the Lions to begin operations in 1953 and got the franchise up and running the following season at Empire Stadium. He also served on the organizing committee of the 1954 Empire Games.

Spencer spent nine years on the Lions' executive board and was instrumental in the franchise's successful bid to host the 1955 Grey Cup. He was named to the B.C. Lions Wall of Fame in 2002 before being inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame as a builder in 2006.

Five years later, Spender was enshrined in the B.C. Football Hall of Fame as a builder. Spencer played football at Upper Canada College in 1942 as well as for the Hamilton Tigers of the Ontario Rugby Union. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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- Icing sugar

Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 10-inch ovenproof skillet with cooking oil.
2. To make the brownies: Combine the sugar, oil, egg and vanilla in a bowl and mix well. Add the cocoa, mixing it in well. Add the flour, baking powder, yogurt and chocolate chips, mixing just until combined and smooth. Don't overmix.
3. Pour the batter into the prepared skillet. Bake in the centre of the oven for 15 minutes, just until set. Sprinkle with icing sugar, if desired. Serve with frozen yogurt or light ice cream if using.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 140
- Protein 2 g
- Carbohydrates 20 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 7 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 20 mg
- Sodium 17 mg

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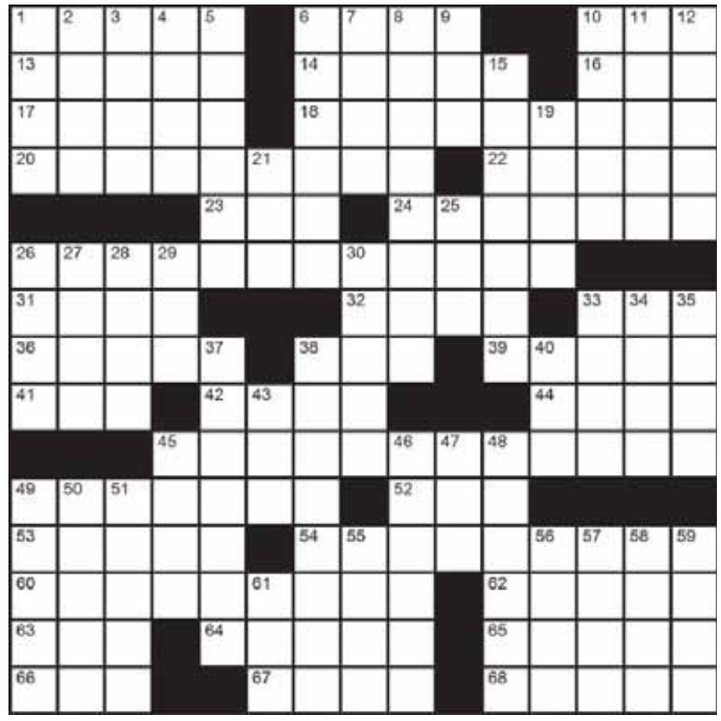
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Elegant instruments
6. Actress Ms. Gertz
10. US docs' org.
13. Literature's T.S.
14. Rice-_-_
16. Getaway
17. Backslide
18. "Magic Mike" (2012) workplace: 2 wds.
20. Soft drink that has replaced aspartame in The States, but not in Canada: 2 wds.
22. Jostle
23. Tiny Tim's instr.
24. Farmers market, avenue and Metro station sharing the same name in Montreal
26. Emily Carr is wearing glasses in hers at the National Gallery of Canada
31. Unfeigned
32. 'Problem' suffix
33. Not in, Canuck-style
36. "__ of God" (1985)
38. "Gangnam Style" rapper
39. Bisect
41. Peat's pal?
42. Tight
44. Docking spot
45. "The __ __" (2000 George Clooney movie about the fishing vessel Andrea Gail ...parts of its wreckage washed up on the remote shores of Sable Island)
49. Question/interview post-mission
52. 'Restrict' suffix
53. Acrylic fabric
54. Some houses
60. Nova Scotia: _ of the Atlantic (Sable Island's nickname because of the many shipwrecks)
62. Leg bone
63. Melanie, to Dakota
64. Battle royal
65. Crunchy
66. Beer
67. Wing-like
68. Fasteners secured with padlocks

DOWN
1. Had in hand
2. Jai __ (Court game)
3. Fruit's ready-to-be-eaten status
4. Station
5. __ __ to the plate
6. National park designated a Dark-Sky Preserve by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
7. __ & Sciences
8. Professor __ (Character regarded as the 'Napoleon of crime' by Sherlock Holmes)
9. Pasta names suffix
10. Dispense
11. Purple hue
12. Fossil resin
15. __ Sparrow (Bird known to only breed on Sable Island)
19. Talk
21. Mr. __ ("Lost" character)
25. Mai __ (Cocktail)
26. Quick attempt
27. Therefore
28. Breather's one-of-two
29. Charge
30. Sample the food
33. Odd mixture
34. Completed
35. Condition
37. Feminism pioneer Gloria
38. Giant __ (Wild mushroom that looks just like its name)
40. Inclined
43. "__ you serious?!"
45. Manitoba, e.g.
46. Kind of construction block
47. Dress
48. Take, as someone's purse
49. Tenet
50. Mr. Flynn
51. Finger point
55. Carbamide
56. Italy's former currency
57. Kimono's look-changers
58. Bit of bangs
59. Drains
61. Swanky 'sure'

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Negative feelings could come to the surface as the full moon draws close, but if you deal with them openly and honesty they should not bother you too much. Deal with it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you feel like doing something different just do it and worry about the consequences later. If you seek advice, friends will tell you to forget about it — so don't ask.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Some things are possible and some are not. If you don't know the difference then what happens today will leave you in no doubt at all. Don't condemn yourself if you make a mistake: at least you tried.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Something upsetting may occur but if you look at it logically and from a higher perspective you will see that fate is teaching you a lesson: sometimes you have to give up one thing in order to get something better.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your chores and duties may become such a burden that you consider getting rid of them and starting from scratch. Go for it. Be bold and change your life.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you want something badly enough you will find a way to get it, but you may regret it by the time of the full moon on Saturday. Try not to annoy people who are bigger than you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your sixth sense tells you that something big is going to happen but there is no need to get anxious about it. Whatever comes your way, you will make the most of it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something seems to be worrying you, but there is no need to torment yourself. Instead of focusing on what might go wrong, find ways to make life more enjoyable and rewarding.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
As far as your money situation is concerned things may have to get worse before they get better. The tide will turn by the start of next week and, looking back, you will realize it was all for your own good.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do the right thing at the right time, especially on the work front. If you act too fast or, worse, too slow you will open yourself up to criticism from rivals and others who don't want you to succeed.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are doing a lot of self-analysis of late. You keep asking yourself why you let yourself to feel the way you did about issues that are of no real importance. Let it go.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
For quite some time now you have had the feeling that you are on the wrong track, and what happens next may confirm your suspicions. This is the start of a new adventure.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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